

WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of RICHARDSON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025 | BY FAITH

Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.

At First Presbyterian Church of Richardson, we believe that God's love is for everyone—without exception. We welcome all people to worship, serve, and grow with us, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, marital status, or economic circumstance. We affirm the worth and dignity of every person as a beloved child of God, created in God's image. As a church rooted in God's grace, we seek to live with open hearts and open minds. We commit to being a safe and affirming space for all, especially those who have been hurt or excluded by the church in the past. In our worship, our leadership, our fellowship, and our service—we welcome you. We see you. We honor your full humanity. You are welcome here. You are not alone. You are loved.

We Gather Around the Word

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Pastorale Prelude”

Jean Langlais
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Debbie Rowley

Psalm 80

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

Stir up your might and come to save us!

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the river.

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*OPENING HYMN | #19 “God of Great and God of Small”

CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

Loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love.

You call us to step forward in radical faith,

but we cling to what is familiar and comfortable.

You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence.

Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

The grace we receive in baptism washes away our shame and brokenness
and unites us with one another in bonds of love and kinship.

Proclaim the good news with me:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI | #582 “Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

TIME FOR TINY THEOLOGIANS *and* BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

*Children of all ages are welcome to join us up front for a brief children’s lesson. Children between the
ages of 0-kindergarten are then welcome to go to the nursery following the lesson, or return to their seats.*

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:10–16, 26–31

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

NRSV OT Pg. 60-61

NRSV NT Pg. 226

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Alice Hernandez

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #308 “O God in Whom All Life Begins”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *and* THE LORD’S PRAYER | *Unison*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“I Believe”

Mark A. Miller

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director
Aden Black and Lauren Carter-Smith, Soloists
Terry Metzger, Piano

*I believe in the sun even when it’s not shining.
I believe in love even when I don’t feel it.
I believe in God even when God is silent.*

Words scratched on the walls of a cellar in Cologne, Germany by a Jew hiding from Nazi persecution.

*DOXOLOGY | #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*SENDING HYMN | #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Postludium"
Ernst von Dohnányi
Terry Metzger, Piano

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: **"ONETIMERS"**

Our "Sometimers" are in need of a few "Onetimers" to pick up litter around the church on Tuesday afternoons or evenings before Wednesday's lawn cutting. This will enable our mowers to cut much quicker and much safer! This task takes 20-30 minutes
See sign up sheet in the coffee area.

Bonus Incentive being offered today only!

The person or family that signs up for 3 dates, dates will receive a
SOUTHERN RUM POUND CAKE WITH PEACH SAUCE!

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, August 17 - Promotion Sunday

Present Word: 9 am, A109

Coffee Class: 9 am, A110

Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building

Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

First Grace Community Church: 11 am-1 pm, Chapel, A111, A109

Presbyterian Church of East Africa: 11 am-2 pm, C203, C204B

Session Meeting: 12 pm, Library

United Fellowship Bible Church: 2-5 pm, Fellowship Hall

Book Club: 5 pm, Library

Monday, August 18

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 19

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library

Staff Meeting & Lunch: 12 pm, Conference Room; Library

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 1:30-6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 20

Sometimes: 8-11 am

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 21

Tai Chi: 10 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall

Art Therapy: 10 am-12 pm, A109

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 1:30-6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 22

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 23

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

United Fellowship Bible Church: 4-7 pm, Chapel

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 24

Present Word: 9 am, A109

Coffee Class: 9 am, A110

Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building

Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

First Grace Community Church: 11 am-1 pm, Chapel, A111, A109

Presbyterian Church of East Africa: 11 am-2 pm, C203, C204B

United Fellowship Bible Church: 2-5 pm, Fellowship Hall



Bring your Plastic Free July Bingo Card back to church **on or before August 24** to participate in our prize drawing!

1 card = 1 entry.

Must be present in worship on Sunday, August 24 to win.



Hit the Green for a Good Cause!

Friday, September 12, 2025

Sherrill Park Golf Course

2001 E. Lookout Drive, Richardson, TX 75082

Join us for Network's 28th Annual Golf Outing!

- 1 pm Shotgun Start
- 4 Person Scramble
- Afterparty and Awards hosted by Bryan and Mauri Marsh
- Beer and Margaritas Available
- \$125 per Player | \$500 per Foursome
- Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

Contact Bill Foote if you're interested in playing!

wdfote@outlook.com



Grades 1-2: Room C203

Grades 3-6: Room C207

Grades 7+: God's Garage, Room C211

Begins at 9 AM

Preschool: Green Room

Begins after Time for Tiny Theologians